GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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LAND LEASE BY ASI IN MAHARASHTRA
RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Archaeology has given the land adjacent to Ajanta caves in Maharashtra on lease to MTDC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the duration of lease for this land; and

(d) the total area of land of the Department of Archaeology that is lying vacant and the acreage of land in possession of the department?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India has not leased any land under its possession at Ajanta to the MTDC.

(b)&(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Barring 19.24 acres of land transferred to the Archaeological Survey of India by the State Forest Department for water management above the caves, Archaeological Survey of India does not have any vacant land in its possession.